

Western District Standard Daily and Possession Limits

- Each angler may take all of the limits listed in the chart, unless otherwise noted in the Western District Exceptions. For species not listed, there are no limits on the number of fish that may be taken or possessed.
- Anglers who move from one fishing water to another may possess the limit of fish allowed only for the water on which they are currently fishing.

Species	Daily and Possession Limits
Brook trout	20 daily and in possession.
Bull trout	All waters are closed to angling for bull trout and all fish must be immediately released unless otherwise authorized in the Western District Exceptions. See Special License Requirements on page 5. Note: Federal rules prohibit the attempted take of bull trout unless specifically authorized by state or tribal regulation.
Combined Trout includes brown trout, rainbow trout, golden trout and grayling	Lakes/Reservoirs: 5 daily and 10 in possession, only 1 over 22 inches and in possession. Rivers/Streams: 5 daily and in possession, only 1 over 14 inches.
Combined Trout in Bob Marshall Complex Wilderness Areas¹ and South Fork Flathead includes rainbow trout, grayling and cutthroat trout	Lakes/Reservoirs: 3 daily and in possession, no size limit. Rivers/Streams: 3 daily and in possession, none over 12 inches. ¹ Applies to all rivers, streams and lakes in the South Fork Flathead River drainage from Hungry Horse Dam to the wilderness boundary and all waters within the boundaries of the Bob Marshall, Great Bear and Scapegoat wilderness areas, unless otherwise specified in the District Exceptions.
Cutthroat trout	Lakes/Reservoirs: 3 daily and in possession, no size limit. Rivers/Streams: 3 daily and in possession, none over 10 inches.
Lake trout	10 daily and in possession.
Bass	5 daily and in possession, no size limit. Third Saturday in May through June 30: 1 daily and in possession, must be over 22 inches.
Burbot (ling)	5 daily and in possession.
Kokanee salmon	20 daily and 40 in possession.
Northern pike	15 daily and in possession.
White sturgeon	0 - this is an endangered species and all fish must be released immediately. All waters are closed to angling for white sturgeon.
Whitefish	20 daily and 40 in possession.

2012 GENERAL FISHING SEASON

Western District	Rivers and Streams	Lakes and Reservoirs
	Open third Saturday in May through November 30, unless otherwise specified in Exceptions to Standard Regulations.	Open all year
If you don't find the water you are looking for listed in the district exceptions, use the standard regulations for the district you are fishing in.		